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Request
for
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	10/619,992
Filing Date	07/15/2003
First Named Inventor	Hefeneider, Steven
Art Unit	1646
Examiner Name	Li, Ruixang
Attorney Docket Number	00-617-F

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

jj. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☒ other Return Receipt Postcard

2. **Miscellaneous**

Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for

a. ☐ period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees any underpayment of fees or credit any overpayments to

a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 13-2490 I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)

iii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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CERTIFICATE MAILING

I hereby certify that, under 37 CFR § 1.10, I directed that the correspondence identified above be deposited with the United States Postal Service as "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee," addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, on the date indicated below. Express Mail No. EV596665636US.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

Signature		Date	May 10, 2006
Name (Print/Type)	Michelle L. McMullen-Tack, Ph.D.	Registration No.	52,016

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<p><small>Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).</small></p> <h1 style="margin: 0;">FEE TRANSMITTAL</h1> <p style="margin: 0;">for FY 2006</p> <p style="margin: 0;">MAY 10 2006</p>		<p>Complete If Known</p>	
<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27</p>		Application Number	10/619,992
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<p>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$)395.00</p>		Attorney Docket No.	00-617-F

METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify): _____

☒ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: 13-2490 Deposit Account Name: McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff LLP

For the above-identified deposit account, the Director is hereby authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee
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FEE CALCULATION (All the fees below are due upon filing or may be subject to a surcharge.)

1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	<u>Small Entity</u> Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	<u>Small Entity</u> Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	<u>Small Entity</u> Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description	<u>Small Entity</u> Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<u>Total Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>	<u>Multiple Dependent Claims</u>
- 20 or HP =	x	=		<u>Fee (\$)</u>

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20

<u>Indep. Claims</u>	<u>Extra Claims</u>	<u>Fee (\$)</u>	<u>Fees Paid (\$)</u>
- 3 or HP =	x	=	

HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3

3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE

If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper (excluding electronically filed sequence or computer listings under 37 CFR 1.52(e)), the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 U.S.C. 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s).

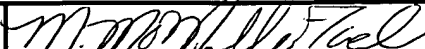
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4. OTHER FEE(S)

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)	
Other (e.g., late filing surcharge): <u>Request For Continued Examination</u>	<u>395.00</u>

5. The Commissioner is hereby generally authorized under 37 CFR 1.136(a)(3) to treat any future reply in this or any related application filed pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53 requiring an extension of time as incorporating a request therefor, and the Commissioner is hereby specifically authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2490 for any fee that may be due in connection with such a request for an extension of time.

SUBMITTED BY

Signature		Registration No. 52,016 (Attorney/Agent)	Telephone 312-913-0001
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